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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 16 May 94 14:08:42 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: "Junk-in-trunk"
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Went to the Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club "Swapfest". Picked up a few
meters (new in box) for \$1 ea., A Heathkit SWR Bridge and

manual (excellent condition) \$5, new MFJ 200 watt ant tuner \$10.

Didn't stay for the auction (had to go home and cut grass) but heard that a large 2'X4' cabinet with about 30 drawers of resistors and misc. sold for \$10. A SB-200 linear went for \$250. Might bring my junk next time!!!

73's Evert WA50JI

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klimasewski@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Best AA NiCads?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2r5r5c\$qa5@crl2.crl.com>, mjr@crl.com (Matthew Rapaport) writes...
>In article <linleyCpKosM.6qE@netcom.com> linley@netcom.com (Bruce James Robert
Linley) writes:

>>Which brand of AA NiCads has the highest Ampere-hour rating? The highest I've
>>been able to find so far is Radio Shack's 0.85 AH cells. Are there 1 AH cells
>>out there or is 0.85 as good as it gets? Oh, and of course, cost is a factor
>>too. Many thanks in advance. 73.

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>The RS batteries can NOT be quick charged under any circumstances. I would
>also consider the Millenium batteries. They are ordinary NiCa batteries, but
>made to very high tolerance specs. They can be quick charged in Millenium's
>charger in about 2.5 hours. The charger then keeps them trickle charged for
>as long as you leave them in there. While they have the same AH rating as
>most nicads, I find they last 30% to 40% longer then ordinary nicads in
>LOW drain applications (like powering a scanner). They don't seem to do
>better then others in high drain apps (transmitting for example), but then
>they can be re-charged much faster. They are a bit more expensive, but I
>would at least consider them. I've been using them for a couple of years
>in my scanner, and they are great...

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>Also, look for the new Lithium Hydride batteries. They are NOT rechargable,
>but they last 3 times as long as alkalines in high drain applications. They

>are also 3x more expensive, but they have the added bonus of a 10 year
>shelf life! Very good for emergency situations.

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Date: 16 May 1994 17:47:16 GMT

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Subject: calling frequencies

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

gganderson@augustana.edu (Kevin Anderson -7325) sys:

>I appear to be wrong, but I learned all these various
>frequencies you've been talking about as CALLING
>frequencies. That means to me that you *establish*
>a QSO on those frequencies, but then QSY to a mutual
>spot to continue. The point is to provide a starting
>point for the "few" (or many depending upon point
>of view) to congregate. But I learned that one then
>moved away from that point for the actual QSO in an
>idea similar to net control so that additional startup
>conversations could then begin.

>Is that not done as I learned it? I'm not a DXer yet,
>so don't have actual experience with these frequencies.

That's how it works for some activities on some bands. It's not how
it works with 14195, 21295, ..., though. Those are simply frequencies
that are traditionally used by most of the major DXpeditions, often
for hours at a time. If you heard the Peter I operation (60,000+
QSOs worldwide) that's where you heard them on SSB. They are not
reserved for anyone, they are just the first frequencies a DXer checks
if he or she is looking for a major DXpedition.

I seem to have annoyed a number of people by the mere mention of the
existence of these frequencies and their use by DXpeditions. They
are *not* reserved by any international law, and you are perfectly
free to use them to ragchew across town if you want to.

So if you want to work casual DX, you go anywhere you want to in
the band and call "CQ DX" - you won't be answered by Peter I island,
for that you will have to listen around 14195 (well, they have gone
now...), and I'm not aware of any DX "calling" frequencies on 20m.

But if someone tells me that there is one, my attitude would be "great, I learned something new today", rather than "nobody owns any frequency, I can do what I like anywhere I like whenever I feel like it", which has been the response by a small number of people who are simply being told the facts of life, which is that major DXpeditions can be found on 14195 and 21295 when they are active.

Of course, serious DXers find most of their DX on other frequencies anyway, mainly by tuning and listening around. Ragchewers think that DXers tear up the band, DXers who only transmit for perhaps 5% of the time think that ragchewers are wasting spectrum. I don't defend either of these attitudes, and in fact spend nearly all of my time in the cw sub-bands, where people are friendly and accommodating. There are "DXpedition frequencies" there too (close to 14025 etc), just as there are "QRP frequencies" (14060?) and probably others. We all get along together just fine. Again, if I were going to call CQ on 20 cw, I probably wouldn't do it on 14025, but there is no legal reason not to do it.

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Date: 16 May 1994 16:41:31 GMT
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bradley.bradley.edu!augustana.edu!gganderson@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Calling versus Sacred Frequencies
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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73 de Kevin

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Date: 16 May 94 14:11:52 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: EARN \$500...etc.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>We pay CASH for your USED postage stamps!
>STOP throwing away your cancelled stamps!
>EARN \$500 or more monthly selling us your
>cancelled postage!

ok maybe...ok...

maybe someone should clue mr. hines into this hospital in england where
there's this kid (randy beeman knows him) that's collecting every postcard in
the world so to generate enough recycleable paper to pay for an expensive
operation and the left over pulp will be used to print the new editions of the
Guiness Book of World Records?

ok bye

Date: 16 May 94 14:15:24 EDT
From: lll-winken.llnl.gov!overload.llnl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!
europa.eng.gtefsd.com!newsxfer.itd.umich.edu!jobone!lynx.unm.edu!pacs.sunbelt.net!
DDEPEW%CHM.TEC.SC.US@ames.arpa
Subject: HAM RADIO RUDENESS
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CpnMEx.Kov@cbnewsc.cb.att.com>, k9jma@cbnewsc.cb.att.com
(edwin.m.schaefer) writes:
>In article <2qqt3k\$bu@paperboy.gsfc.nasa.gov> Erich Franz Stocker
<stocker@spsosun.gsfc.nasa.gov> writes:
>>In article <Cpn3yJ.DLz@cbnewsc.cb.att.com> edwin.m.schaefer,
>>k9jma@cbnewsc.cb.att.com writes:
>>> Many DXers will tell you that they "use" the frequency waiting for
>>> someone
>>> to appear from a country they want to work. So it may be silent for many
>>> minutes - to a hour while they wait, but if you fire up there you will
>>> get lots of complaints.

(yes, I know out of band operation is illegal, but I want it as a back up on the boat, if my main radio goes south, or the battery goes dead, or whatever, I want to be able to call somebody on CH16!).

So, does anybody have a list of HTs that are modifiable to operate on the Marine band?

Reply via email as the local ham fest is this weekend. (Nothing like waiting until the last minute, I guess!)

Thanks in advance.

Dave Wright, N2TYR, djw@cci.com

Date: Sun, 15 May 94 10:20:13 MST
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!cs.utexas.edu!asuvax!ennews!stat!david@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: I need Armed Forces Day Info
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Does anyone have any information on the frequencies and stations working cross-band for Armed Forces Day on May 21st?

David Wb7Tpy

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Date: 16 May 1994 09:10:03 -0400
From: newstf01.cr1.aol.com!search01.news.aol.com!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Massachusetts Amateur Radio Internet Lists
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

At a recent, 5/14/94, CEMARC (Council of Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Clubs) meeting it was decided that we need to find out what "established" internet mailing lists are available to pass important messages to as many of the hams in our area as possible.

To further this goal... if you would not mind, would you please e-mail me any of the known lists that you are on or are aware of. At some point in time when we have a comprehensive list, I will repost the information to the net or JUST to those who are on the list. Your comments are welcome.

73 for now.... c u on the shortwaves
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KA8SCP@WA1PHY.#EMA.MA.USA.NOAM
ka8scp@ka8scp.ampr.org [44.56.4.82] Mac
[44.56.4.120] DOS Clone

Date: Mon, 16 May 1994 17:23:47 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!torn!nott!cunews!
news@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Mounting a Radio in a Quest/Villager
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Well, I've had the new Quest for a couple months now and am still trying to figure out the "best" place to mount the old TM701 and remote handset. In the old vehicle I mounted the radio under the drivers seat and had a nice spot on the console to mount a standoff for the RM10 remote handset.

The Quest seems to be a different story. There are no spots under the drivers seat to mount anything to, and there don't appear to be any easy spots to mount a standoff for the handset.

I'm wondering if anyone else has mounted a mobile radio in a Quest/Villager, and if so where did you mount it, and where did you tie into power?

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Ian A. McEachern, VE3PFH	This space for rent.
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Date: Mon, 16 May 94 08:15:03 GMT
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Subject: Need ICOM CI-V Interface Software for PC
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I have picked up an ICOM CI-V interface unit (it was cheap). I wonder if there is any PC software available that will handle a network of rigs, specifically an IC735

and an IC275.

I already have the CI-V manual. I want to make my notebook pc control the rigs.
E.G

Log onto a BBS, read the mail, check the DX cluster, read the frequency and mode,
enter them into the log etc.

I have a program that will do a good job for a single rig, but not one that can
handle multiple rigs.

73 Mike

Date: 16 May 94 15:38:13 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Nicad batteries Technical Information needed
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Greetings,

I really don't understand it but ham people everywhere have
different ideas about how to care for NiCad batteries. Can someone give
me some technical information about NiCads? How do you take care of them?
Do you leave them in the charger until you need them? Is there such
thing as "the memory effect" with NiCads? These are just some of the
questions I would like to ask.... Looking forward to your reply,,

73's de Guy VE3 XGQ
Co-sysop of the Sudbury Amateur Radio BBS Fidonet: 1:225\50

Date: Mon, 16 May 94 12:33:54 CDT
From: get.hooked.net!news.sprintlink.net!news.onramp.net!usenet@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: PL Tones
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2r6gt1\$nei@muddy.huber.com>, <eddxu@huber.com> writes:
The series goes 1z,1a,1b,2z,2a,2b...1z is 100.0
4a ia 141.3, there is a percentage difference between them. Based on
electromechanical devices of the day(REEDS).

-George WB2DYB/5

Date: Mon, 16 May 1994 14:02:42 GMT

From: netcomsv!netcom.com!greg@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: sacred freqs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2r3jbb\$9ee@gerald.cc.utexas.edu> oo7@astro.as.utexas.edu (Derek Wills) writes:

>emd@ham.island.net says:

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>>>It's a little over the top to expect everyone to know all the net
>>>frequencies in use by every group on the air, obscure or not. A little
>>>courtesy goes a long way.

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> The point of my original posting was nothing to do with nets,
> obscure or not. I merely pointed out that 14195, 21295 and
> 28495 are internationally-recognized spots for DXers to gather.

Recognized by what body?

> Major (and minor) DXpeditions regularly use those frequencies,
> and if you are going to call "CQ Ragchew" somewhere between
> 14190 and 14200 I am suggesting that you don't do it on 14195
> unless you are being perverse.

If the frequency is not in use, it is available.

> If a DXpedition comes on and
> asks you to move, you have two choices - you can refuse to
> because you were there first, or you can be friendly and move.

Gee, perhaps the DXpedition could start out by calling a friendly 'break,' using the occasion to check out their set-up, and then ask for control of the frequency when the QSO is over. A 15-minute rag-chew probably isn't too much to pay for getting established on a frequency, now is it? In other words 'if the frequency is in use, perhaps you can join them rather than beating them!'

> If you start a ragchew on 14192 you are not likely to be asked
> to move, but if you start one on 14195 there is a bigger chance
> that you will be, so why not recognize that 14192 is a better
> place to start out?

Because if every casual operator (who have just as much rights to the bands) keeps a list of every frequency which is someone's or some group's 'favorite,' and avoids it, we now have bands with 100 'edges' instead of the current 9 or ten per band. Between nets, quasi-nets, and bulletin frequencies, it's already tough enough for the casual operator to enjoy

his or her hobby. Oh yes, let's not forget the 'satellite' sub-bands which are now springing up, even on 15 meters! We need to reduce to a minimum the number of 'reserved' spots which the hobby recognizes, and operate on a 'first-come-first-served' basis unless there is compelling reason to do otherwise. And we need to recognize that a clear channel for the convenience of DXing is NOT a compelling reason.

> I know about two net frequencies on 20m, I rarely use them, I
> don't care for nets. But I would never start up a QSO on one
> of their frequencies even if they are not operating right then.
> This is what I would call courtesy before the fact. I suppose
> my point is that once one has been told that 14195 is a DX
> gathering frequency worldwide, it is combative to start a QSO
> right there when there are other frequencies available.

Only if the frequency.police MAKE it combative. What if, rather than being asked to clear the frequency, the person who called CQ on 14195 was invited to wait for DX together, during a rag-chew? 'So, over to you Jeff, and we'll listen for any DX breakers on the turn-over. WA8DX, this is WA6DCL/2 over and QRZ DX.'

Seems simple, doesn't it? Wouldn't it then encourage DX stations to join in? Wouldn't it give them something as a point of reference? Couldn't the stations rag-chewing then turn over the frequency to the pile-up? Or other stations break with information on when Outer Mongolia comes on the air, and where?

For God's sake, if people just stop yelling 'mine! mine!' and actually take the time to *TALK* to each other, the solution comes up and smacks them in the face.

Ham radio should be like a party, not like a dentist's waiting room. The bands are a group hang-out, not private property.

Greg

Date: Sat, 14 May 94 20:32:00 -0700
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!wupost!ukma!asuvax!
pinyon.libre.com!twb!william.eckle@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Sell or trade
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I have for sale or trade two VHF mobile transceivers.

- (#1) Icom-230, PLL, synthesized, 67 channels, 146 to 148 Mhz. This unit covers the bandwidth in 30 khz increments. This is the original band plan for 2 meter repeaters. E.g., 146.76; 146.79; 146.94, etc. The repeater offsets are -600 and +600khz. The radio also operates on any of the simplex frequencies, e.g.146.52; 146.55; 146.58 etc. The power output is 10 W. This unit features an analog type S meter. The radio does not have DTMF or PL (CTCSS), however there is a an accessory connector for 9V. power take-off and audio input. (I have used this for external DTMF and it works fine). The unit also has a jack for external speaker.
Price is \$100.00 OBO. (See swap info below).

- (#2) Icom-280, PLL, synthesized, 559 channels. 143.9-145.995 Mhz in 5 khz steps. 146.01-148.11 Mhz in 15 khz steps. This is a later version than the Icom-230 for an expanded 2 meter band plan. The repeater offsets are -600 and +600 and the radio operates simplex on any of the channels. This radio has a dual power output selection of 10 watts or 1 watt. The frequency display is a 4 digit bright red LED type. This radio also has an analog type S meter, and a jack for an external speaker. Also featured is a 3 channel programmable memory. No DTMF or CTCSS.
Price is \$160.00 OBO. (See swap info below).

Both of the above mobile units come in factory boxes with manuals and accessories: mounting bracket; power cord; extra fuse; and hdwe. These radios are in good condition and I'll even pay the shipping!

I'll trade both of the above radios for a used dual band VHF/UHF radio such as the Alinco DR570T, DR592T or DR600T. (DR570T or DR600T preferable). Or if anyone has dual bander and doesn't want to trade, I'll offer cash. (The amount depending on condition, and if manual and accessories are furnished).

Please contact: Frederick Franz (WA6VHB)
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Payson, AZ 85541-3843
Tel.: 602-474-9647

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Am posting this for a friend, if you have trouble contacting him, will forward message or reply by this conference, or E-Mail to my address below. Thanks.

--Bill--

Internet address: william.eckle@twb.com

Date: 16 May 1994 15:33:14 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!pipex!uknet!bhamcs!percy!
rhm@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: WANTED : callsign logging program for a PC
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Well the title says it all does anyone know where i might find shacklog or a similar program on the net. Can you E-mail me as I dont read this group much and I am only writing for my dad who dosent have Internet connection yet.

Ta.

richard

Date: Mon, 16 May 1994 16:24:05 GMT
From: pa.dec.com!nntpd.lkg.dec.com!ryn.mro.dec.com!est.enet.dec.com!
randolph@decwrl.dec.com
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <768702124.AA02884@mcws.fidonet.org>,
<1994May12.160217.9245@rsg1.er.usgs.gov>, <CppExH.5G1@cup.hp.com>k
Subject : Re: repeater slang/lingo.

In article <CppExH.5G1@cup.hp.com>, jholly@cup.hp.com (Jim Hollenback) writes...

>Tom Bodoh (bodoh@dgg.cr.usgs.gov) wrote:

>: What's the story with the guys that end with 'Hi Hi' or is it just around

>: here?

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>Guess you don't operate much cw, hi hi. It's from the olden days for

>telegraphic laughter. In cw

> h i

I don't know if this helps, but some CW ops laugh like:

didididit dit dit

At least it sounds like that to me. "Hee hee" could pass for laughter...

Speeding it up gets you "hi hi".

-Tom R. N100Q randolph@est.enet.dec.com

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